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NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020

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THE HARVEST SERVICE AND FOODBANK DONATIONS 2020

By BS

The Harvest Service took place on Sunday 11 October at the beautiful Assington Church of St Edmund, King and Martyr.

The entrance porch was decorated this year with apples and two stone jars of bullrushes, plucked(with wellingtons on) from a ditch on the way to Boxted.

As visitors entered they saw:
on the right , a table decorated

with red and gold apples and crab apples;
and on the left, the font, decorated with local apples, and topped with a flower arrangement of autumn leaves, berries and autumnal flowers.

The main feature was the decoration of the whole church., which was undertaken by John and Louisa Symons:
John decorated the candelabra with apples and old man's beard, the windowsills with branches of berried hawthorn.

Louisa did two fabulous bright arrangements for the altar, accompanied by a display of bread and grapes.

A floral arrangement by the pulpit was done by Emily Cartlidge, which cleverly incorporated a couple of decorative cabbages!

Despite some difficulties relating to Covid restrictions in co-ordinating the decorations, the church looked lovely and reflected the community spirit of ages past and also the future here in Assington.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the foodbank collection from Assington. Our thanks especially go to Maxine, for her kindness in allowing food to be collected at the Farm shop, and also much more, as always…….

We took four heavy boxes of food donations to the Sudbury Storehouse Foodbank. They were extremely grateful and thanked Assington village very much for our contributions.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Go to Ann and Bill Dickson

as they celebrated their **Diamond Wedding** on the 15th October.

Also, because of lockdown etc, **Bill** had his **90th Birthday** very quietly on the 30th March!!

Much love and good wishes to them both.

THANK YOU

From Louisa Symons

I think that as a village, we all owe a HUGE 'Thank You' to Maxine and her team at the Farm Shop. She has kept us all going, providing goods, papers, good humour (not always easy) as we struggle through 'Lock Down' and Covid related problems.

People in isolation have had provisions delivered to them, (Maxine very often works after hours to keep up with demand).

We are so lucky to have such a great team providing us all with such a super service -
Maxine, thank you so very much from us all.

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CHURCH CYCLE RIDE UPDATE

From Jeff Stacey

The totals raised by the Assington cyclists in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust were £180 by me, £80 by Simon White and at the time of going to press, a magnificent £560 on James Cartlidge's Just Giving site. As usual half the money goes into the Trust's funds, but half is sent direct to our church treasurer to use to maintain our church building.

A big thank you to Simon and James for their efforts in the saddle and also in engaging with our very generous sponsors.

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ASSINGTON CHURCH RAFFLE

……and the winning numbers were:

From Ian Clark

Reverend Steve Morley drew the raffle outside the Village Hall on Saturday 19September at 2.00pm. Members of the organising committee were in attendance.

The Winning ticket numbers were:

0715	£100 Cash (donated by David Burr Estate Agents)
1350	£60 Cash
1026	Case of Wine
0387	Hamper (donated by Assington Farm Shop)
0500	Voucher (donated by Assington Country Kitchen)
0701	Festive Wreath
1446	Bottle of Scotch
1408	Wine
1171	Wine

Unless others stated, all prizes were kindly donated by members of the organising committee. All winners have been contacted and the prizes have been delivered.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who supported the raffle, which raised the magnificent sum of £1, 245 for church funds.

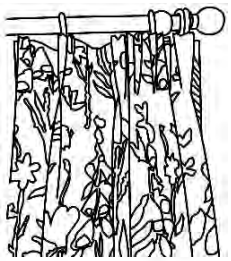
ASSINGTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

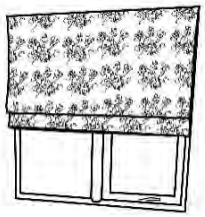
From Claire Osborne.

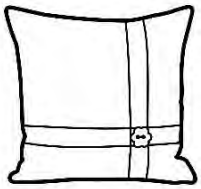
Residents of the village who would like to have an allotment for the year 2021/2022 are invited to call the secretary,

Claire Osborne on 07920 800108
or email claire.l.osborne@hotmail.co.uk

Little House Designs







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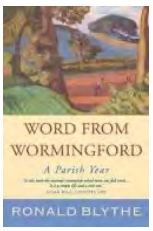
GOING TO VISIT RONNIE

By Ellie Mead

I first visited Ronald Blythe at Bottengoms, his charming farmhouse in Wormingford, in 2009.

Bottengoms

I had previously read several of his books:
Word from Wormingford and Borderlands being the first two volumes of a collection of his writings for The Church Times. I also knew he was famous for writing Akenfield Portrait of an English Village, which had been made into a film by Peter Hall in 1974. I knew several people who knew Ronnie and then one of them decided to take me to visit him.



Bottengoms had been the home of the artist John Nash and his wife Christine. Ronnie was part of their circle of close friends and after Christine died he cared for John in his final illness. The house and its contents were left to him and he has lived there alone for over 40 years.

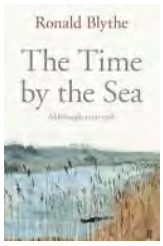
Ronnie in his Akenfield chair

Ronnie welcomed us at the door and ushered us inside where a table was set with tea and a plate of biscuits. After tea and a good chat about churches, wild flowers and mutual acquaintances we toured the house including Ronnie's bedroom which was formerly John Nash's studio.

Before leaving we looked round part of the garden and seeing his vegetable plot I admired his recently planted out lettuces and was rewarded with a box of seedlings to take home. The roses were in full bloom and very lovely. The White Cat met us on the step before we left and was not in the least afraid of David's dog. I have subsequently visited Ronnie several more times with mutual friends.

In March 2013 to celebrate Ronnie's 90th birthday the previous November a joyful and poetic event was held at Nayland Church which I attended and when a ceremony was held at Wormingford Church in January 2018 for Ronnie to receive his CBE I was also lucky enough to be there.

For those unfamiliar with Ronald Blythe's writing I suggest starting with Word from Wormingford but here is a review of his most recent work published in 2013; well he is 97!



BOOK REVIEW: The Time by the Sea by Ronald Blythe

This is an account of Ronnie's life in and around Aldeburgh during the 1950s when Benjamin Britten was gathering around himself a coterie of artistic talents during the early years of The Aldeburgh Festival.

It is the tale of a young man with no money trying to make himself useful. Much of the time he is cold or hungry.
E M Forster pushes a note under his door inviting him round for a drink, Imogen Holst whips up scrambled eggs on toast for them both late at night and 'Ben' sends him on a mission to persuade the vicar of Blythburgh to allow a concert to take place in his church. 'The Aldeburgh Festival? Are you a band?'

These are events I have heard recounted by Ronnie himself on several occasions. We also hear about the exuberant members of the East Anglian School of Painting at Benton End, Hadleigh. There is also much about the 18th /19th century Suffolk poets George Crabbe and Edward Fitzgerald. Read the book to find out more. By **ELLIE MEAD**

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Ronald Blythe is a prolific author: Akenfield is probably his most famous book, a colourful, perceptive portrayal of English country life reverberates with the voices of the village inhabitants, from the reminiscences of survivors of the Great War evoking days gone by, to the concerns of a younger generation of farm-workers and the fascinating and personal recollections of, among others, the local schoolteacher, doctor, blacksmith, saddler, district nurse and magistrate. Providing insights into farming, education, welfare, class, religion and death, Akenfield forms a unique document of a way of life that has, in many ways, disappeared.

"Local girl" Lynn Crossman (nee Brooks) , formerly of Hill Farm, was one of the actresses in the Peter Hall film (mentioned above), as the bride of Akenfield.

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NATURE WATCH

From Nick Miller

Tiger Hill has had more Harebells than ever this autumn, and many big patches of them could also be seen on the Sheepwalks fields towards Moors Farm. Other small pretty flowers of heathland also did well in the drought conditions.

The short damp spell in September brought a mass of fungi at Tiger Hill, including the enormous Parasols, and others that were yellow, red, purple and charcoal in colour. So hopefully by the time you read this, the main flush of autumn fungi will be very good.

A stag beetle at Tiger Hill was a "first" for our area, please let me know if you have seen any others in Assington, as hitherto Leavenheath High Road has been the nearest.

When weather is cold, I have several times over the years found a dead green woodpecker, and I did again on that terrible day at the end of September. Bird life has seemed plentiful, though in autumn there's usually a quiet gap, when a lot of small birds have migrated south, and before the winter migrants arrive from the north and east. Of course, the families of tits and so on with their young are calling to each other, and visibly beginning to form their winter flocks.

Again this summer, numbers of swifts, swallows and martins were rather low. With the winter migrants soon arriving, we must hope for some good sightings from Eddie Sinwarbler and others. Where birch seeds are to be found, as in Spouses Grove, then twittering flocks of redpoll can be seen; last year though there was a lack of the usual flocks of siskin feeding on alder seeds; the expanses of alders round Assington are exceptional, as they are largely absent from much of Suffolk. Mind, you can have too much alder!

Results of dormouse recording in the area continue to be dismal, but with muntjacs seeming possibly fewer this year, there has been some slight return of woodland undergrowth which gives us hope. What a sight earlier in the autumn, were the quantities of toadflax (yellow & orange) and lesser calamint (mauve) along the roadsides. Toadflax is a "common" plant, but its flowers are usually mown off, so the drought year must have benefited it, perhaps either from less mowing. or a late second flowering. Certainly, second flowering has been conspicuous in gardens and the countryside this year.

SESAW NEWS

MISSING CATS APPEAL

Everyone at SESAW is devastated that despite all our efforts we have still not been able to locate three cats that went missing shortly after their arrival in August. They were brought in and signed over to SESAW when their previous owner had to move away for employment reasons and sadly was unable to take the cats. We have never experienced such a devastating event in nearly thirty years of rescue and wish never to do so again.

We have distributed posters locally and posted on Facebook, followed up suspected sightings and advised vets. Traps are in place and checked regularly, unfortunately these are occasionally interfered with by some misguided persons but we remain steadfast in our search.

Can we please ask that you keep an eye open for these three cheeky boys, two of which were neither neutered nor microchipped. This was to be rectified by our Vet the next day, had they not spent their first night digging an escape route.
Please leave a message, including your phone number, with any information on 01787 210888 or email: info@sesaw.co.uk Thank you for your help.
Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP

KENNY'S SESAW NEWS

There's no doubt about it, Autumn has well and truly arrived, although I'm a little confused. Mum says her clock has gone back (but to where?) then adds "Winter drawers on" with a sort of smirk. She also says look out for hedgehogs nesting in the bonfire before you set light to it and keep all your pets safe indoors as the firework season approaches. Now that I DO understand.

Our indefatigable fundraisers will be at the Bridge Farm Barns Festive Fair on Saturday 14th November in Monks Eleigh, IP7 7AY. Sheila and Elaine have oodles of "classy stuff" and Jeanette will be running her Terrific Tombola. If you have any last minute items that might suit either stall, please leave them, clearly marked "TOMBOLA" or 'CLASSY', at SESAW or phone 07881 785535 to arrange collection. We can also accept vintage and antique items for next year's sales. By the way, Sharon is now making a Christmas range of masks, please phone Jayne on 07720 079370 to order.

Despite restrictions, Joan has secured a place for SESAW at the Christmas Tree Festival in St. Peter's Church in Sudbury next month. She is busy assembling mug shots of the volunteers to decorate the boughs, I wonder who will be the fairy at the top. This annual celebration is a wonderful start to the festive season and a beautiful sight to behold. Perhaps Mum will let one of the SESAW animals visit the Festival, maybe even me, (Kenny the Boss) Chihuahua.
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NEWS FROM BOXFORD SCHOOL

By Callie Bradbury

Hello again, as we all know life at the moment is very difficult due to COVID-19 especially for children. Not all children understand COVID and its restrictions so it is hard to keep them from touching one another.

At school in yr 6, our topic is EXPLOSIVE ENERGY and in the last couple of days we have been designing and creating BUZZ WIRE GAMES. It was all to do with circuits and being able to make the buzz noise. We also had to create a poster urging people to buy them. We had an amazing time creating our games.

Due to COVID the school is not allowed to have fetes or fayres so FoBS decided to have a 5p and 20p challenge similar to last years one. I anyone does have children at Boxford it would be great if you could give a few 5p's and 20p's (or children can do jobs in exchange for 5p and 20p's). Each class has a bottle to fill with their 5p and 20p's and the class with the most money wins. The competition closes on 6th November.

Mrs Jarmin, who has worked for the school as a dinner lady for 54 years, is now retiring at the age of 90!!!! We think she is he longest serving dinner lady in England which is amazing.

Our school topic is COURAGE and right now every single person in the world needs courage and support to help fight off worries about COVID or anything else. Courage is said to mean face difficulty without fear but sometimes we do something difficult and we still do have fear which is totally normal. Courage is a great thing to have as it enables you to feel stronger and more powerful mentally and physically. There are plenty of people who stand out most like: NHS, 999 SERVICES, SOLDIERS and EVERYONE. Some people don't realise how much courage they actually have and how you sometimes need to show it.

On Friday 25th October we are having a dress down day and we are allowed to dress in autumnal coloured clothing like red, brown, orange and grey. Everyone is pleased to be back at school but we are also looking forward to half term in a few weeks time.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPIES

Dear Village

I have to, sadly, report that there will be no 'door to door' Poppy Collection this year, on account of the dreaded Covid situation. There will, however, be the usual static Poppy Boxes at the Farm Shop, and Assington Barn.

Please do buy your poppies from these, this year, and keep our generous contribution to this super cause going.

David Wiles will be bearing the RBL Standard through the village and there will be a modified Service in the Church on Remembrance Sunday.
Best Wishes
Louisa Symons.

Remembrance Sunday Service: Will be held on 8 November at 10.30am

PLEASE COME ALONG

In view of the Covid19 guidelines for track and trace, please let us know beforehand if you would like to join us in Assington Church on Remembrance Sunday. We do hope that you will join us for this special service.

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TIME TO REMEMBER

By Bronwen Stacey

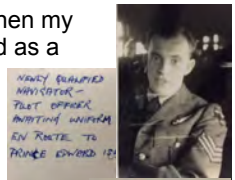
The builders were on their 'last leg' of renovation work for us, and were working partly in the barn, when Ian (one of the workmen) spotted a trunk, being used for storage. Being interested in war memorabilia and all associated events, he said to me:
"You should do some research to find out the background details of the person who owned that trunk", to which I replied: " I don't need to because I know whose trunk it was - it belonged to my father!"

This exchange, however, acted as a spur to me to do more follow-up research on the documents and other mementos which I had, some time previously, looked over and packed away, for safekeeping. They proved to tell a story, which I found both interesting and moving.

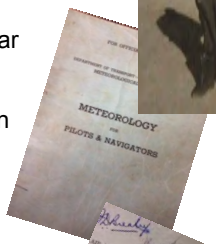
My father was born on 12 November 1920, and this Remembrance Day will be one day before what would have been his 100th birthday. Unfortunately, he died too young, at only 60 years of age.
When I was a baby, he spent a significant period of time in a TB Sanatorium, having experienced a number of severe illnesses during his wartime service, and continued to suffer ill health for the rest of his life.

So I opened up the box, and pieced together the treasures to make the story of my Father's war-time service.

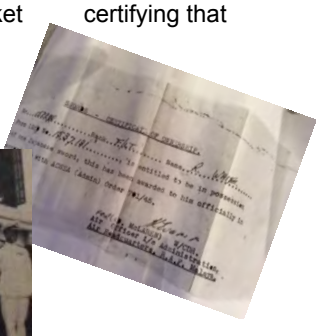
War was declared on 3 September 1939, when my father was still 18 years old. He volunteered as a reserve member of the RAF, and subsequently undertook his training as a Flight Lieutenant and Navigator.

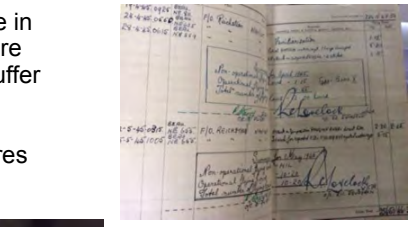


There are photographs and log books charting his progress through the various stages of training and flying:
Scotland, London, Liverpool, Across the Atlantic to Canada: Alberta and Prince Edward Island; thence to Palestine, Cyprus, and finally, the theatre of war which was Burma, followed by the Japanese Surrender in Malaya, and the flights and ship home on the RMMV Cape Town Castle, from Singapore to Southampton.

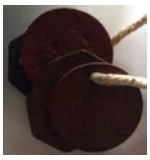


Saved souvenirs of menus aboard/ or special festive meals in transit or at the bases:





A box of (unworn) medals, awarded to him for his wartime services:
The 1939-45 Star "Battle of Britain"
The Defence Medal
The Burma Star
The War Medal 1939-45
and his dog tags.



During his Service with 211 Squadron in Burma, the pilot he flew with in 1945 prior to the Japanese surrender, was R M Reichstein, an Australian member of the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force).

Reichstein

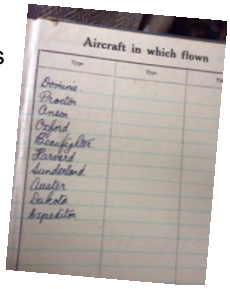
my father

According to the Burma Star Association, flying conditions were extremely hazardous: the monsoon rain and winds made a plane in the air uncontrollable, and there were also attacks from the Japanese 'Zeros ' to contend with.

They mainly flew in Beaufighters and Harvards. Their role was to search from the air along the railways and rivers to seek and destroy Japanese supply lines. Among the keepsakes is an enormous map of the Arakan and Mandalay; red lines and red dots and crosses indicate either areas or sites "of interest" and also the sites of destruction:

- ……".Patrol BASSEIN waterways. 1 barge destroyed.
- RP attack on suspected RADAR - 4 strikes.
- Attack on gun position RANGOON RIVER - direct hits….."

At the back of his Flying Log Book is a list of aircraft in which my father flew (some as a passenger):



Dominie	Proctor
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Quite an enviable list! (Perhaps in different circumstances).

The final object to mention is a docket certifying that my father was
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……still haven't found that, though!

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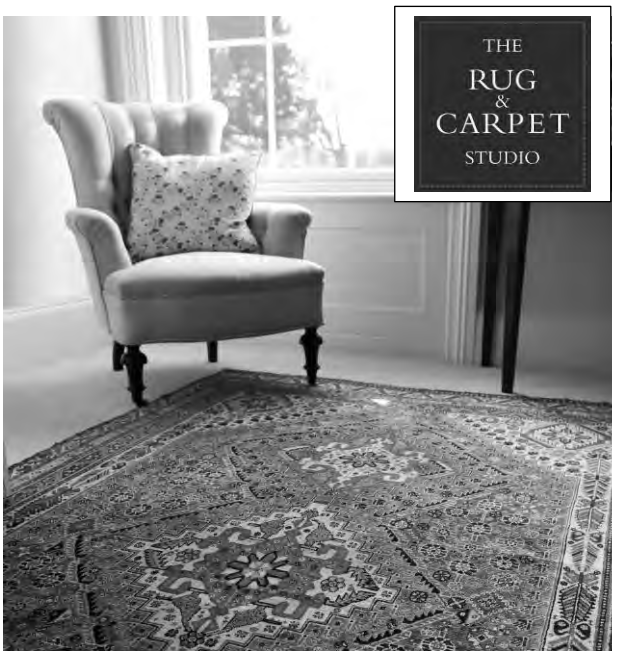

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BELINDA KING'S SOLO EXHIBITION at Chappel Galleries

Following her successful exhibition at Burgh House Museum in Hampstead last year, Belinda King has a solo exhibition of paintings at the Chappel Galleries opening on Saturday 28th November and running until the end of December. This was originally booked for June, but had to be postponed because of lockdown.

Many of her landscapes are based on the woods and fields in and around Assington, but there are also images from Cornwall, Sussex, Ireland, Italy, and France. A couple of paintings describe her feelings during the difficult period we are currently living through.

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Oatetch Birches

Cowlin's Wood

Ploughing on a Frosty Morning

Editor's note

The colours on the paintings are absolutely stunning, and to view the full effect please see the ***on-line colour version of the Assington News :***

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ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest Discussed at A Meeting held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 28 September 2020

Apologies for Absence
Councillor Simon Thorogood, County Councillor James Finch and Babergh District Councillor Lee Parker sent their apologies which were accepted

Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation
No declaration of Interest or requests for dispensation had been received.

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th September 2020
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum
No updates received from SCC Finch or BDC Parker.
The public meeting was closed.

Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Wallace informed Councillors that they should all have received a copy of the plan and Cllr Symonds congratulated the NP team on the plan and all their hard work.

Routine Correspondence
a. Councillors agreed that this was a matter to raise with SCC Finch and to raise the large vehicles encroaching on residents' verges at the next meeting.

b. Councillors agreed that Suffolk Broadband should be contacted with details of the areas in the village without broadband to see if when the new buildings are built the broadband can be extended to these areas. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Symonds before contacting Suffolk Broadband.

c. Councillors agreed that they are interested in enhancing biodiversity and had confirmed to BDC that they would like to take up the offer of trees to plant in the village. Whilst waiting to hear back from BDC they will look at suitable areas of land which ideally would be accessible to all to make a wildlife area.

d. Since the agenda had been distributed an email had been received from Andrew Reid, SCC Cabinet Member for Highways that officers will be writing to the Local Planning Authority case officer to clarify the Highways response to Planning Application - DC/20/03362

Finance
a. Councillors reviewed the Asset Register and resolved that it accurately reflected the council's assets at this time.
b. Councillors reviewed the Insurance Cover and agreed payment to CAS proposed Cllr Symons and seconded by Cllr Stacey
c. All cheques signed and due for signing as itemised in appendix B, were authorised by the Councillors. The Councillors noted the income received since the last meeting and reconciliation of bank accounts against the bank statements, and Statement of Accounts against the Budget.

Councillor Wallace clarified the position with regards to the Neighbourhood Plan spend of £6,326.48, which seemed high for the 2020/21 year. This is due to a payment to Places4People which was paid with the 2019/20 grant received but the cheque had been cleared in this financial year. The actual NP spend in 2020/21 currently is £3,239 and the grant received for the current financial year is for £5,074.

Review of Key Policies
a. Councillors agreed that no changes were required to the Financial regulations and Standing Orders.
b. Councillors agreed that no changes were required to the Document Retention Policy.

Planning
a. Consider **Planning Application - DC/20/03353** - Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of post and rail fencing at land rear of School Lodge and L'Ecole, The Street, Assington and resolved to **support** the application.

b. Status of **Planning Applications** and Cllr Hill had received information that APP/D3505/W/20/3250773 had been withdrawn.

Walk the Parish
Councillors Symonds and Wallace will walk the parish and report back on the village assets.

Traffic Speed Reduction Plan
Councillor Hill advised that the speed survey in the village was taking place this week and it was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting.

Definitive Map
Councillor Hill advised that a local resident was asking for support from the Parish Council for his application for the disused part of the 'old' main road, from opposite the entrance drive of Assington Hall to opposite Aveley Lane (TL938388 -> TL939387) to be identified on the Definitive Map as a Public Right of Way. Councillors agreed that residents had used this route as a public path for as long as memories can recall and agreed to support the application.

Recruitment of a new Parish Clerk
Councillor Stacey advised that the position had been advertised with an increase to hours to 5.5 average hours per week and an increase in salary range to 7-12, depending on qualification and experience.. The deadline for applications was the 1st November 2020.

Questions to the Chair
a . Councillors noted their concern that the pub was closed and wanted to express their support for the owner in looking for new tenants.
b. The Councillors wished to express their thanks to Bryn Hurren for putting on the Horticultural Show and were very grateful for all his hard work in making it a success, particularly with such challenging conditions this year.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 30th November 2020 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Nick Peasland

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Letter from the Rev Simon White
Associate Priest, Bures with Assington and Little Cornard

Hello,
November brings with it a short period of remembrance marked by key dates in the calendars of the Christian and wider world.

1st
The month starts on the 1st with All Saints' Day – sometimes known as All Hallows' Day - when we remember significant people who down the ages have inspired others by their faith and service.

2nd
The death of someone we love always leaves its mark and All Soul's Day on the 2nd is a special day for remembering them. In time the wounds heal, but they never entirely disappear and nor should they, for the memory of those we love remains with us always.

8th
As I write this, we fully intend to have a Remembrance Sunday service in our Church on the 8th to remember the contribution of military and civilian service men and women involved in both world wars and later conflicts. You are very welcome to come along to this and any of our other services but please help us with 'Track and Trace' by e-mailing office@parishchurch.co.uk beforehand if you can, and please bring a mask with you.

11th
Three days later we remember the end of fighting in the First World War. This will be the 101st year Armistice Day has been marked around the United Kingdom with a two Minute Silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

20th
Our church is dedicated to St Edmund, King of the East Angles and we remember his death on the 20th. As king, he won the hearts of his subjects by his care of the poor and his steady suppression of wrong-doing. When attacked by the Danes, he refused to give over his kingdom or to renounce his faith in Christ and so was martyred in the year 870.

It is also important this year that we remember all those who have died directly from coronavirus or because of the upheaval the pandemic has caused. We have been confronted by grief and loss on an unprecedented scale with more than 43000 deaths in the UK and more than 1 million people worldwide.

Alongside sadness and memory, these remembrances make space for hope. The light of Easter shines into the dark places of death and illuminate's the memories of those who we no longer see. The undefeated love of Jesus has the last word and gives us strength for the future.

As November and this period of remembrance draws to a close we start looking forward to Christmas with Advent Sunday on the 29th. This Christmas the Church will need, in the words of St Paul in Romans 12.15, to '*Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep*'. We will aim to celebrate where we can be together in one place – but also embrace our wider community that wants to join in the celebration but may not be physically able – or emotionally ready – to do so. As we get closer to December we will announce plans ever mindful that they may need to change to keep people safe.

Best wishes,
Simon

Schedule of services at Assington Church

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ADVENT WINDOWS 2020

By Emily Cartlidge

Once again I am asking the lovely people of Assington to take part in our village Advent Calendar.

For those of you who are new to the village or have not taken part before, it is a lovely way of celebrating Advent and great fun for the children to guess which window will be next.

The Calendar is very simple:
if you would like to take part, please contact me and choose a date you would like and then on that day, you can reveal your decorated window. If you can include the date in your window design, that would be fantastic. Go crazy with the tinsel, glitter, fairy lights – whatever you fancy! Then, by the 24th December, there will be a trail of beautiful windows through the village. In these rather dark times a little illumination has to be a good thing!

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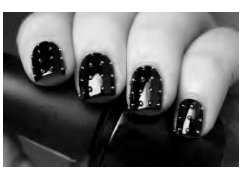

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2018	***mm***	***max***	***min***
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FEB	41	9⁰C	-8⁰C
MAR	74	14⁰C	-5⁰C
APR	49.5	26.5⁰C	+1⁰C
MAY	38.5	27⁰C	+0.5⁰C
JUN	1.5	31⁰C	+5⁰C
JULY	19.5	36⁰C	+10⁰C
AUG	83	35⁰C	+6⁰C
SEP	29	25⁰C	-0.5⁰C

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2019	***mm***	***max***	***min***
JAN	23.5	9⁰C	-8⁰C
FEB	19.5	16⁰C	-5⁰C
MAR	44	19⁰C	-3⁰C
APR	18.5	24⁰C	-3⁰C
MAY	54	26⁰C	+1⁰C
JUNE	94.5	29⁰C	5⁰C
JULY	36.5	34.5⁰C	6.5⁰C
AUG	31.5	31⁰C	7⁰C
SEP	37.5	24⁰C	2⁰C
OCT	90	18 ⁰C	-2⁰C
NOV	69.5	12 ⁰C	-5⁰C
DEC	78	10 ⁰C	-5⁰C

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2020	***mm***	***max***	***min***
JAN	33.5	10 C	-5⁰C
FEB	56	11⁰C	-3⁰C
MAR	21	14⁰C	-5⁰C
APR	22	23⁰C	-1⁰C
MAY	5.5	27⁰C	-2.5⁰C
JUNE	50	28⁰C	+2⁰C
JULY	58	30⁰C	6⁰C
AUG	109	32⁰C	4⁰C
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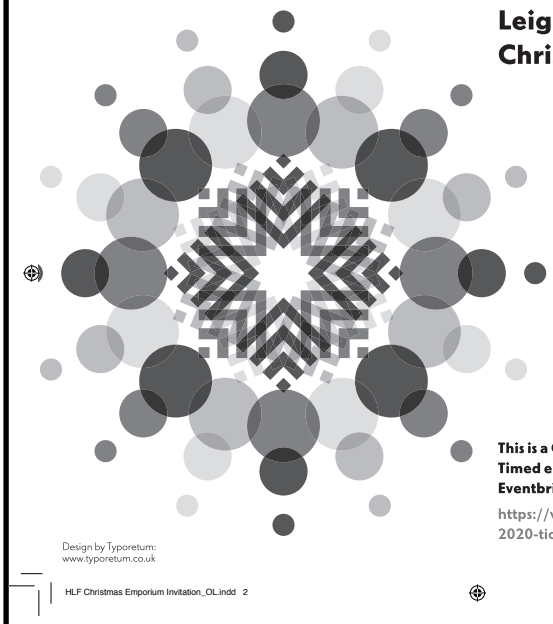

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